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MICHIGAN FARMER.

JACKSON,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1844.

To Patrons and Friends of the Michigan Farmer.

This number completes the first volume of the "MICHIGAN FARMER." Before adding "Finis" to our humble labors during the year, we desire to tender sincere and grateful acknowledgments to the numerous patrons and friends who have seconded us in efforts to establish this journal on a permanent basis. Although we commenced the publication of the Farmer under many discouraging circumstances, and with unfavorable prospects, its patronage has of late rapidly increased throughout the State—and we have reason to believe that the noble cause of Agricultural Improvement has thereby been advanced.—And, while we return heartfelt thanks to all who have given encouragement to the enterprise, a continuance of their aid is requested.

During the past year we have had various difficulties to contend with in the publication of this journal, which, combined, hindered its success and usefulness. The manner in which the *Western Farmer* was conducted the last year of its publication—owing principally to the frequent change of proprietors—materially retarded the success of the *Michigan Farmer* for several months after its commencement. The agricultural community of the State was evidently dissatisfied with the management of that paper, and had apparently lost confidence in its permanency—and therefore feared the last change in proprietorship, &c. would not perhaps better the paper, by rendering it either more useful or permanent.

Pecuniary embarrassment, at the same time, prevented us from bestowing that expense and attention upon the paper which it should have received. Our "funds" being low, and the *substantial* patronage of the paper limited, we were compelled to perform most of the mechanical and other labor of the office.—But, in order to fulfil our pledges, and establish the Farmer as a valuable and permanent publication, we have cheerfully labored, day and night—depriving ourselves of most of the pleasures, and all the luxuries, of life—for we were convinced that we were engaged in a noble and praiseworthy cause, and one which we believed would benefit our fellow men.—And, satisfied that we were *right*, we determined to *go-ahead*—confident that the enterprising farmers of Michigan would sustain us, and that success must finally crown our efforts. That we have committed errors, is probable—but if so, they were those of the head rather than the heart. Our situation has been such that we could not bestow that time and attention to the editorial management of the paper which it ought to receive. But we trust that the patronage of the Farmer will be so increased, at the beginning of its next volume, as to enable us to make it, in every respect, more worthy of support and creditable to the farmers of the Peninsular State.

In conclusion, we ask those herein addressed to still lend us their aid to promote the success and extend the usefulness of the *only agricultural journal published in, or adapted to, the Peninsular State*—the *only* one particularly designed to "improve the soil and mind" of Michigan Agriculturists. It will be seen, by reference to last page, that the Farmer is to be *enlarged* and *improved*—though the *terms* will remain the same as heretofore—and no exertion will be spared, on our part, to fulfil the pledges relative to its future publication. But, in order that we may do this without being subjected to loss or embarrassment, a considerable addition to our subscription list, and punctuality on the part of subscribers, are very necessary. We hope, therefore, that all of our present subscribers will renew their subscriptions, and permit us to visit them, and continue their acquaintance another year—not forgetting to induce their friends and neighbors to become patrons of the Farmer. If the patrons and friends of the *MICHIGAN FARMER* will exert themselves in this matter, they shall ere long have an agricultural journal of *THEIR OWN*—devoted to their best interests—which will not suffer in comparison with any like publication in the West.

To Correspondents and Readers.

We cannot permit the closing number of the volume to go to press, without tendering our grateful thanks to the numerous and generous correspondents who have contributed to the pages of the Farmer during the past year.—To them, individually, we are greatly indebted. Their efficient aid has rendered the paper far more useful, than we could otherwise possibly have made it, with our own utmost efforts.—A continuance of their aid, together with that of other able writers who have kindly promised us assistance, must materially enhance the value and success of the forthcoming volume.

We now have several communications on file for publication. An able article on the subject of "Legislative aid to Agriculture," from Hon. J. M. LAMB, of Lapeer, was received too late for an insertion in this number. It will appear in our next.

"J. C." is gladly welcomed to the pages of the Farmer. His communication is *right*, and shall appear soon.

"AROZINA"—thanks for your recent favor. It will receive proper attention. Likewise the essays of "B. T. L.," "B.," and others.

Correspondents are requested to affix captions, dates, and proper names, initials, or signatures, to their articles. To secure an insertion, communications should be accompanied by the name of the authors.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—To the Hon. W. WOODBRIDGE, for a copy of the President's Message, and accompanying documents, containing much valuable information.

—To Hon. J. B. HUNT, for the Report of Mr. ELLSWORTH, Commissioner of Patents, an important and useful document.

—To Hon. M^{rs} MOODY and SHEARER, of the Senate, and VIDETO, of the House, for various interesting Legislative Documents.

IMPOSITION EXPOSED!—The attention of the reader is directed to a communication under the caption of "Barefaced Imposition," given on next page. It is from a most reliable source, and exposes an attempted imposition which is a *direct insult* to the intelligence and State pride of the farmers of Michigan. We have received, from different sections, abundant evidence of the truth of the statements made in the communication, and may hereafter give still more light relative to the dishonorable transaction.

For the Michigan Farmer.

Important Hints for Michigan Farmers.

MR. MOORE.—Sir: In again asking a place in your columns, I am well aware that it may be asking that space which otherwise would belong, or rather be devoted, to the exposition of the views of those who wield an able pen than mine; and am only induced to do so from the belief that even encouragement *may sometimes* be afforded from a humble source.

I have been highly gratified in observing the fact that our Michigan Farmers are beginning to wake up to the subject of claiming that assistance from our State Legislature, which other States have long since so generously proffered, and which has produced such favorable results as to even exceed the expectations of its most sanguine advocates. I have no doubt but that a law giving suitable encouragement to agriculture, and the mechanic arts therewith connected, might exceed in usefulness the agrarian law of the Romans, in their palmiest days, when they were famous for the inflexibility of their integrity; and would give a lasting impulse to the exertions, and encourage a laudable zeal for emulation among this all important class of people, who are, indeed, the muscle and sinew, the bone, strength, and glory of the Country—the Farmers.

In our lands exist our inexhaustible resources and wealth, and how much these may be augmented by the better management of our soils is a fact difficult for the most enlightened to determine. Experience has tested the fact that in no way can so much be accomplished towards an improvement in this respect, and towards the elevation of this *first* class in society, as by the general diffusion of information upon the subject of their occupation through the medium of well conducted agricultural journals—and the efficient operation of well organized agricultural societies. This fact has been most forcibly impressed upon my mind the past autumn, during which I enjoyed the pleasure of passing leisurely through the "Empire State," mingling much among her intelligent farmers, witnessing the grand exhibitions of the State Agricultural Society at Rochester, and the American Institute at New-York City;—and the astonishing increase of interest and attention which the subject had obtained and received during the short space of seven years, which had elapsed since my residence here.

That this improvement in agriculture, which is annually adding millions to the wealth of the State, is, in the main, owing to the assistance afforded by the acts of the Legislature, is *therefore* notorious to be even the subject of debate—and that a few thousand, or even hundred, dollars distributed in like manner in our State, although raised by taxation, (awful name!) would increase our wealth ten times the amount, is, to my mind, beyond a doubt. If I am not mistaken, the State of New-York gives each County Society \$100, upon satisfactory proof that there had been subscribed and paid into the treasury of such Society, a like or greater sum. The effect of the distribution of this amount of money, small as it

seems, in the way of premiums for best crops, improved stock, &c., &c., is too apparent not to be noticed by the most casual observer.

The whole field of improvement is at once thrown open: at their fairs farmers meet and mingle with each other, communicate their ideas—their sources of improvement in soils, manures, seeds, grains, grasses, stock, trees, &c. &c.—clothed in their own language, when, at once, we can avail ourselves of the facts published, which are to us as much a source of improvement to know what best farmers do, as it is for men of learning to know what best scholars think.

With a "Farmer" I fully acquiesce, that the time to act has arrived to send on our petitions to the Legislature, at its present session, asking them to appropriate something in aid of a cause, in which so large a portion of their constituents have so deep an interest.

I have already trespassed too long upon your patience; one word, to the readers of the Farmer, and I am done.

Friends, the first year of the "Michigan Farmer's" existence is almost terminated:—It has been a faithful and regular visitant at our firesides during the year; it has encouraged us by counsel and advice, and cheered us by its agreeable variety of simple facts, rather than far-fetched theories, which are difficult in explanation, and more so to understand. The publisher has performed more than he promised in the commencement; let us then, as an earnest of confidence, renew our subscriptions, and induce others to become subscribers: in this way we may soon boast of a journal in the Peninsular State inferior to none in the Union.

Yours, &c., G. W. LEE.
Marion, Liv. Co., Mich., Jan. 13, 1844.

For the Michigan Farmer.

Hints for the Season.

Old Winter is, at last, fairly upon us, and his chilly blasts howl through the woodlands, and sweep over our lovely plains. It is hoped that most farmers are prepared for his present annual visit. However, I would suggest the following hints to those who may need it:

Have you provided comfortable shelter for your cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry? If yea, it is well—if nay, there is no time to lose. If your domestic animals are exposed to the inclemencies of the weather, and the pitiless pelting of the storm, ten chances to one, you will lose some, and find the rest in a quondam state, hesitating whether to die at once, or to make a live, with the prospect of undergoing the miseries of another winter's siege. All domestic animals should be fed with plenty of nutritious food, morning, noon, and night.

Have you books and papers, (especially the *Michigan Farmer*,) from which you can be gaining information? Your long winter evenings can not be more profitably spent than in obtaining useful knowledge.

See that your children are regularly and punctually at school, and well supplied with suitable school books. Many children lose the benefits of a whole winter's schooling, for want of books, and by being too late at school.

Jan. 25, 1844.

B.

For the Michigan Farmer.

Befrauded Imposition!

To the INDEPENDENT FARMERS OF MICHIGAN:

GENTLEMEN:—I take this method of informing you that a bold and fraudulent imposition is attempted to be practised upon you by the publisher of a monthly agricultural journal published in Illinois. A short time since I was shown a prospectus of that paper, (received by Wm. JACKSON, Esq., Post Master at Leoni, in this County,) headed in staring capitals, "MICHIGAN FARMER'S OWN PAPER." From facts which have come to my knowledge, it appears that the publisher of that journal has resorted to the same *base means* to extend its circulation in other States, by representing his paper to be exclusively devoted to their interests, when the fact is, that his paper is published in Illinois, and if adapted to the advancement of agricultural interests in any State whatever, must be principally limited to the section where it is published. The same Prospectus has undoubtedly been sent to nearly every Post Master in this State, and no words are spared to make our farmers believe that it is mainly devoted to Michigan Agriculture. A more shameless, sneaking method was never devised to cheat the farming community; and this contemptible device to secure patronage through fraud and misrepresentation, should consign that publisher and his journal to the merited fate of Wild Cat Banks, and Paper City Speculations, of by-gone days.

During the past year, I have taken 2 copies of the Michigan Farmer, and must say that I know of no journal so well calculated to afford useful information in regard to the proper culture of our soils, and all other matters pertaining to Michigan husbandry. Its judicious selections, as well as its original articles, are generally of the first order, and no farmer who desires to become well acquainted with Michigan Agriculture, will fail to subscribe for the Michigan Farmer in preference to any other periodical.

Let the independent farmers of the Peninsular State, who desire to see their honest calling advanced at home, rebuke the insult offered to their State, by refusing to take any journal published abroad, until they have subscribed for that eminently useful paper, the Michigan Farmer. Every farmer should use all laudable means to extend its circulation, and thus increase its usefulness. And every Post Master feeling a just State pride should also render his efficient aid in promoting this praise-worthy object.

The character of the Michigan Farmer is fully established, and has proved an efficient auxiliary to the friends of agriculture in this State. The forthcoming volume will be enlarged and improved, and rendered still more serviceable to its already extended list of subscribers. It has survived all the difficulties of the first year, and with the continued patronage of the farmers of Michigan, will soon take high rank among the ablest agricultural journals of the Union—as it is now the most useful to the Farmers of our own beloved State.

B. M. D.

Jackson County, Jan. 27, 1844.

Agricultural Chemistry.

The following should have preceded the closing paragraph of Dr. MCLEAN's communication upon this subject, in the last number of the Farmer, but was unavoidably omitted:

Edward Lucas has experimented much on the use of charcoal in promoting vegetable growth. The result of these experiments proved the great utility of this article.

He says: "The charcoal employed in these experiments was the dust-like-powder of charcoal from firs and pines, such as is used in the forges of blacksmiths, and may be easily procured in any quantity. It was found to have most effect when allowed to lie during the winter to the action of the air. In order to ascertain the effects of different kinds of charcoal, experiments were also made upon that obtained from hard woods and peat, and also upon animal charcoal, although I foresaw the probability that none of them would answer as well as that of pine wood, both on account of its porosity, and the ease with which it is decomposed."

Mr. Lucas has repeated these experiments, and found that animal charcoal obtained from burnt bones is decidedly better than any other kind of charcoal which he subjected to experiment.

Bone manure possesses a remarkable property of fertilizing soils. If we admit that bones contain 55 per cent of phosphates of lime and magnesia, (which is the proportion given by Berzelius,) then it follows that 16 pounds of bones contain as much phosphate of lime and magnesia as 2,000 lbs. of wheat straw or hay, and as much as 8,000 lbs. of the grain of wheat. These numbers express very nearly the proportion in which these phosphates are removed from a soil by the above crops. Hence the utility of bone manures in restoring these phosphates to the soil.

GREAT YIELD:—Andrew Johnson, Esq. of this town, has just harvested his carrot crop, which has yielded the enormous weight of 6790 lbs., which grew on 30 rods of land. They are of the orange kind, and many of them measure four and five inches in diameter, and from 1 to 2 feet long. Of three monsters which stand at the side of our desk, one is 26 inches long. Those who love good pies, and have no squashes, should get a supply of this carrot, as they make excellent pies!

We also learn that Mr. George W. Lee has raised this season, 21 bushels of carrots on a piece of ground 8 feet by 20, which is a great yield.—*Haverhill Gazette.*

BUTTER FROM SCALDED MILK.—The Massachusetts Ploughman states that Mr. Patton Johnson, of Framingham, scalds his milk as soon as it is drawn from the cow, and it is then set away in the usual manner. The editorate some of the butter made of the cream taken from this milk, and it tasted as well, and appeared as yellow, as butter made in June.—The butter is also formed with as little churning as in warm weather.

From the Cultivator.
Wintering Farm Stock.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—As we are now in the foddering season, I offer a few remarks on the subject of wintering stock. Having noticed in various sections, a want of attention on the part of the farmer, it may not be amiss to admonish him at this season of the year.

Many seem to say by their management, that young stock will not grow and thrive in winter, and some are compelled to skin more or less before spring, for want of attention.—Let no more stock be kept on a farm than can be at all times in a thriving condition, with shelters to protect them from the chilling blasts of winter, especially for the young; give them the best of hay, morning, noon, and night; and if they do not thrive, a little grain may not be amiss. Calves may be fed oats in winter without injury, say a pint per day, till accustomed to grain; then increase the mess till you give a quart at morning and night. Calves thus wintered, with good pasture the following summer, when dressed in the fall, will weigh from five to six hundred weight. Many of our best colts are injured by the first wintering, and are not worth as much in the spring as when weaned in the fall. Thus you see a loss of fodder and growth, and many times midsummer is past before they begin to thrive. The growth of the stock is the profit of the farm; therefore daily care should be taken to see that they are constantly improving. Let every foddering show that your stock is gaining, and in the spring you will feel rewarded for your winter's toil.

J. G. W.
Dutchess Co., Nov. 25, 1843.

PREVENTION OF SMUT IN WHEAT.—At a late agricultural meeting in Sussex, England, John Ellman, Esq. related the following account of an experiment in preventing smut in wheat. He took four sacks of smutty wheat, sowed one sack of it with brine only, as strong as he always made it, to bear an egg as large as a shilling; he sowed another with lime only; he sowed the third sack with brine, strong enough to bear an egg, and then let it lay in lime all night; and the fourth he sowed without any thing. The result was as follows: Where the brine only was used, every now and then there was a smutty ear, still not many; where the lime only was used, there was about the same quantity of smut; where the lime and brine were used, there could not be found a single smutty ear; and where nothing was used it was a mass of smut.

SHORT, BUT GOOD.—Let young people remember that their good temper will gain them more esteem and happiness, than the genius and talents of all the bad men that ever existed.

A BEAUTIFUL ORIENTAL PROVERB runs thus: "With time and patience, the mulberry leaf becomes satin."

NATURE works for the agriculturist while he is sleeping.

BANK NOTE TABLE.

CORRECTED FOR THE MICHIGAN FARMER.

Michigan.	
F. & M. B'k,	par
B'k of St. Clair,	par
Mich. Insurance Co.	par
Oakland County b'k	—
River Rasin' b'k,	par
Mer. b'k Jack. co	broke
Bank of Michigan	75 dis
State Scrip,	10 dis
Ohio.	
Specie paying b'k's	1 dis
B'k of Cincinnati	broke
Chillicothe,	10 dis
Cleveland,	55 dis
Com. Bank Sciota	50 dis
Lake Erie	30 dis
Far's B'k, Canton	60 dis
Granville,	80 dis
Hamilton,	50 dis
Lancaster,	50 dis
M. & Trader's Cin.	15 dis
Manhattan,	90 dis
Miami Exp. Co.	75 dis
Urbana B'king Co.	75 dis
Indiana.	
St. b'k & Branches,	3 dis
State Scrip,	50 dis
Illinois.	
State Bank,	65 dis
Shawnee Town,	65 dis
Kentucky.	
All good Banks	4 dis
Pennsylvania.	
Specie paying,	1 dis
Erie,	6 dis
Wisconsin.	
Frie and Marine Insu.	
Fiance Co. Checks,	4 dis

YPSILANTI HORTICULTURAL GARDEN AND NURSERY.

This establishment now comprises fourteen acres, closely planted with trees and plants, in the different stages of their growth. Twenty thousand trees are now of a suitable size for setting.

The subscribers offer to the public a choice selection of Fruit Trees, of French-German, English and American varieties, consisting of Apples, Pears, Plums, Peaches, Cherries, Nectarines, Quinces, Currants, Gooseberries, Raspberries, Grape Vines, and Strawberries, Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Plants, Hardy Roses, Vines, Creepers, Herbaceous Perennial Plants, Bulbous Roots, Splendid Peonies, Double Dahlias, &c.—The subscribers have also a large Green House, well filled with choice and select plants in a good condition.

All orders by mail or otherwise, will be promptly attended to, and trees carefully selected and packed in mats; and if desired, delivered at the depot in Ypsilanti. Catalogues can be had at the Nursery.

E. D. & Z. K. LAY

Ypsilanti, April 25, 1843.

1843.

LAWSON, HOWARD & CO.
PRODUCE, COMMISSION AND FORWARDING MERCHANTS,

(At the Ware-house lately occupied by W. T. Pease, foot of Shelby street,) DETROIT:

WILL make liberal cash advances, on Flour, Ashes and other Produce consigned to them for sale or shipment to Eastern Markets, and will contract for the transportation of the same.

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* ALSO, will make like advances and contracts at the Ware-house of SACKETT & EVERETT, Jackson.

PLOUGHS! PLOUGHS!!

The best patterns of Small and Breaking-Up Ploughs can be found at the Jackson Steam Furnace.

Jackson, April 1, 1843.

FRESH Farm and Garden Seeds, warranted of the first quality, for sale by DIXON & GREEN, No. 6 Main street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The collection consists of Farm and Garden Seeds—Red and White Clover, Lucerne (or French Clover,) English Perennial, Rye Grass, Blue Grass, Orchard Grass, Red Top or Herds Grass. Also: Mangel Wurtzel, Red Top or Herds Grass. Also: Mangel Wurtzel and French Sugar Beet, Ruta Baga Turnip, &c.—and a variety of Agricultural Implements, &c., for sale at the

MISSOURI SEED STORE.

Unexpected Encouragement.

The subjoined order, sent us in compliance with a Resolution of the Senate of this State, is as gratifying as it was unexpected. This evidence of the estimation in which the Farmer is held by the highest legislative body in Michigan, is truly encouraging, and stimulates us with renewed energy to make it still more useful and worthy of favor.

The resolution was introduced by Hon. W. J. Moody, and called up for final action by Hon. J. SHEARER, of Wayne:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Detroit, Jan. 19, 1844.

PUBLISHER OF THE MICHIGAN FARMER:

Sir,—I am instructed by the Senate, to request you to forward during the session of the Legislature, one copy of your paper to each officer and member of the Senate—and send in your bill for the same, soon as convenient.

Respectfully, &c.

JAS. E. PLATT,
Secretary of Senate.

Encouragement to Agriculture.

It affords us pleasure to present our readers with the following extract from the proceedings of the Senate on the 24th ult. Truly, it is a good sign, from the right quarter.—Should the bill become a law, the members of the Legislature would undoubtedly receive the thanks of *nine-tenths* of their constituents. The course of Mr. SHEARER can not but receive the hearty approval of the farmers of Michigan.

"Mr. SHEARER presented a report from the committee on agriculture, accompanied by a bill, both of which were read, and 500 extra copies of the report ordered printed. The bill provides that in any county where there is an agricultural society, which shall raise and distribute \$100 annually, the board of Supervisors may raise a similar sum to be placed at the disposal of the society. The bill was laid upon the table and ordered printed."

In this connection, we would refer our readers to a communication from G. W. LEE, Esq., of Livingston County, published on the second page of this number. His remarks upon this subject are lucid, and worthy the attention of all.

"ONCE MORE, DEAR FRIENDS!"—Post-Masters and others who act as agents for the Farmer, (and the aid of all is desired,) are requested to send in their orders for next volume at as early a day as convenient, that we may know how large an edition to print. We are greatly indebted to such friends, for past courtesy and favors, and they will render us under still greater obligations by continuing to lend their influential aid in extending the circulation of this journal. If they will see to it that we are not disappointed, we will use every exertion on our part that they may not be disappointed in the manner and matter of our next volume.

THE MARKETS.

JACKSON, Feb. 1, 1844.

WHEAT continues firm at 56 cents. Flour \$3 25, retail.

PORK, 2 50 a \$3 50, according to weight and quality.

Buckwheat, 28 cents.—Barley, 38c.—Corn, 28c.—Rye, 28c.—Oats, 25c.—Potatoes, 25c.—Butter, 13c.—Eggs, 13c.

MONROE, Jan. 25.

FLOUR and WHEAT are still flowing into the market very fast, both by cars and teams; and accumulating at the Adrian and other western depots, faster than all the rail road means can bring them away. Wheat is now selling here at 80 cents. Flour at the stores, \$3 62 1-2; at the mills, \$4.—*Advocate*.

ADRIAN, Jan. 25.

WHEAT has within the last two or three days, occasionally run up as high as 71 cts. We may, however, quote as the current price, from 66 to 67. Other articles are as follows: Corn 37 1-2c, Oats 25, Hay 55, Potatoes 34c, Dried Apples \$1 12, Green Apples 50c to \$1, Butter 12 1-2, Pork \$3 to \$4, Lard 7c.—*Watch Tower*.

BUFFALO, Jan. 25.

We hear of further operations in Flour—some 1500 barrels of established brands have changed bands at \$4 on Eastern account.—*Com. Advertiser*.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 23.

FLOUR is quiet, and no change in price—*Genesee*, \$4 81, sellers; and *Southern* 4 87 a \$5.

One hundred and fifty barrels new *Ohio Lard* sold at 6 1-2; 100 barrels of *Mess Pork* at \$9 25. Sales 200 barrels *Beef*, country brands, at 4 a \$6.

PUBLISHER'S DEPARTMENT.

REMITTANCES BY MAIL.

FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL.—"A Postmaster may enclose money in a letter to the publisher of a newspaper to pay the subscription of a third person, and *keep the letter, if written by himself*."

SUBSCRIBERS to the MICHIGAN FARMER, and all persons wishing to become such, will observe by the above, that by transmitting their orders through the Postmaster of the place where they reside, who is legally authorized to act in the premises, the expense of postage may be saved.

WANTED, as traveling agents for the Michigan Farmer, a few active and intelligent young men, well recommended, to whom a fair commission will be given. It is believed that enterprising young men can render this a profitable employment, during the winter months.

Receipts on Subscription to the Michigan Farmer, from Jan. 1, to Jan. 30, 1844.

Hon J B Hunt, and I Parchall—\$3 00, each.
Granger and Ball, N Goodsell, J Scott, C R Watson, A J Comstock, E Webb, J M Mead, N Sixby—\$2 00 each.

J L Butterfield, J A White, T F Dryer, D Kingsley, S K Hibbard, J T Wilder, J Fiske, J Dennis, H Whelock, P Converse, J Gale, George A Hood, S Selden, J Bunker, H L Smith, W Heath, Wm Bemis, A Temple, D C Jackson, J Barker, S Hamlin, W S Warner, R D Hendee, O Howe, A D Ward, L Ward, S Waldo, G P Jefferies, M Metcalf, L B Kief, A E Wm, C Noble, J Loope, A Bates, N Strickland, Col H Smith, J Q Adams, D Kinne, H Mallory, Geo Gale, J Gibbon, W Savage, E Ingersoll, J Wood, T M Marston, J F Rupley, J Laurain, Hon J Shearer, B G Barker, H B Holbrook, E J Penniman, J Cram, W Yerkes, J Verkes, W H Welch, H B Huston, W R Ellis, J Cartwright, D Dexter, A A Flint, A M Chapin, O B Williams, L S Rouse, Wm Lewis, A S Parker, and A Swain—\$1 00, each.

A Tripp, J R Havens—75 cents, each. R H King, W Fowler, A Hurd, A D Kief, F Kies, Miss Jane Trumbull, Miss Sophrons Humphrey, H R Stevens, G Beasley, J Potter, F Robbins, F Bray, J A Fuller—50 cents, each. D J Cady, H A Goodyear—38 cents, each.

MICHIGAN FARMER.

NEW VOLUME AND NEW SERIES!
ENLARGED AND IMPROVED.

The Proprietor of the *MICHIGAN FARMER*, announces to the friends and patrons of that journal, that at the commencement of the second volume, on the 15th of February ensuing, it will be considerably enlarged and otherwise materially improved. It is believed that the improvements contemplated,—in size, style and contents,—will greatly increase the value and usefulness of the paper, and render it well worthy the hearty support of the farming community—not only of Michigan, but adjacent sections of the West.

The paper will, as heretofore, be chiefly devoted to promoting the interests of *WESTERN AGRICULTURE* and *HORTICULTURE*: but portions of its pages will be appropriated to the *MECHANIC ARTS*, *DOMESTIC ECONOMY*, and such other subjects as are interesting to Farmers and Mechanics.

The CONTENTS generally will be as follows:—Original Papers from contributors and correspondents; Editorial Articles; Selections from leading agricultural journals, presenting matter of the most importance to Michigan farmers; and Departments devoted to the Mechanic Arts, and Domestic Economy. Each number will contain a correct *Bank Note List*, Review of the Markets, &c. The paper will be frequently embellished with splendid *WOOD ENGRAVINGS* of agricultural and mechanical implements, &c.

The *Michigan Farmer* is now permanently established. Its character is that of an eminently useful and practical journal—owing chiefly to the contributions of its numerous able contributors and correspondents, most of whom are *PRACTICAL FARMERS*.—And, in addition to the present large number of correspondents, many other practical and scientific gentlemen, of ability and experience, have been engaged as contributors to the forthcoming volume. The Farmer will contain, during the year, original articles from OVER ONE HUNDRED correspondents, residing principally in Michigan,—which will render its pages far more interesting and valuable to *Michigan Farmers*, than those of several eastern agricultural papers.

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